1	10A NCAC 13P .0302 is proposed for amendment as follows:	
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3	10A NCAC 13P	2.0302 AIR MEDICAL SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM <u>CRITERIA FOR</u>
4		LICENSED EMS PROVIDERS USING ROTARY-WING AIRCRAFT
5	(a) In addition t	to the general requirements of Specialty Care Transport Programs in Rule .0301 of this Section, Air
6	Medical Programs using rotary-wing aircraft shall document that the program has:	
7	(1)	Medical crew members that have all completed training regarding:
8		(A) Altitude physiology;
9		(B) The operation of the EMS communications system used in the program;
10		(C) In-flight emergencies specific to the aircraft used in the program; and
11		(D) Aircraft safety. This training shall be conducted every six months.
12	(2)	A Certificate of Need has been obtained from the Department when applicable; applicable as
13		required by law;
14	(3)	A written plan Written policies and procedures for transporting patients to appropriate facilities
15		when diversion or bypass plans are activated;
16	(4)	A written plan for providing emergency vehicle operation education for program personnel who
17		operate ground emergency vehicles; and
18	(5) <u>(4)</u>	A written Written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will request ground
19		support ambulances dispatch and utilize aircraft operated by the program. program;
20	<u>(5)</u>	Written triage protocols for trauma, stroke, STEMI, burn, and pediatric patients reviewed and
21		approved by the OEMS medical director;
22	<u>(6)</u>	Written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will receive the Specialty Care
23		Transport Services offered under the program when the aircraft are unavailable for service;
24	<u>(7)</u>	Pilot-In-Command (PIC) that:
25		(A) Maintain instrument currency in accordance with FAR 61,57;
26		(B) Hold at least a commercial rotor-craft instrument rating;
27		(C) Have not less than 2,500 hours total rotor-wing flight time; and
28	<u>(8)</u>	A copy of the Specialty Care Transport Program patient care treatment protocols.
29	(b) Air Medica	l Programs based outside of North Carolina that provide specialty care transports may be granted
30	approval by the	OEMS to operate in North Carolina by submitting an application for program approval. The
31	application shall	document that the program meets all criteria specified in Rules .0204 and .0301 of this Subchapter
32	and Paragraph (a	a) of this Rule. All patient response, re-positioning and mission flight legs must be conducted under
33	FAA part 135 re	gulations.
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35	History Note:	Authority G.S. 143-508(d)(1), $(d)(3)$; $(\underline{d})(13)$.
36		Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2002;
37		Eff. April 1, 2003;